(iv) institution of Professor's Grade in Colleges. As a result of efforts made by the University, U.G.C. and the Government, the strike has been withdrawn and teaching resumed with effect from 23rd February, 1986. The strike has resulted in the loss of 40 academic days.

Karur-Dindigul Rail Project

353. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALASAMY:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question 863 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1985 and state:

(a) the funds allocated for the Karur-Dindigul- Madurai -Tuticorin- Tirunelveli Broad Gauge Line Project in 1985-86;

(b) the amount spent out of the allocated amount till day;

(c) the work completed in each section; and

(d) by when the whole project is likely to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 4.3 crores.

(b) Full amount has been spent.

(c) Parallel BG line from Tirunelveli to Milavittan (53 kms.) has been opened to goods traffic on 6-5-1985. Progress on New Line between Karur and Dindigul is 15 per cent.

(d) The completion of the entire project will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Late arrival of Kerala Express

354. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the specific reasons for the late arrival of Kerala Express at New Delhi on the 9th February, 1986;

(b) for how many hours the Super Fast Express was late; and

(c) how many times it reached late during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Primarily due to working by a single locomotive, the other having failed.

(b) 5 Hours, 40 minutes.

(c) 15 times.

Boeing aircraft in the fleet of Air India and Indian Airlines

355. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Boeing aircraft in the fleet of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether Government have any proposal for mandatory checks on Boeing 747 aircraft frames;

(c) whether all the checks have been completed in stipulated time; and

(d) whether any defects have been found in any of the aircraft frames?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Indian Airlines has 25 Boeing-737 aircraft and Air India has 9 Boeing 747-200-B and 5 Boeing-707 aircraft in their fleet.

(b) The checks on Boeing-747 aircraft structural frames required by the manufacturers/Federal Aviation Administration (USA) have been declared mandatory by the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During additional checks required by the Civil Aviation Department some defects were observed on one of the frame attachment splices on two aircraft VT-EGB and EBO which were reported as per manufacturers approved repair scheme.